

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 57 - SB 71

February 1, 2011

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes licensed alcohol and drug abuse counselors to assist clients with applications for state and federal benefits.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Health, assistance with applications for state and federal benefits can already be performed by licensed alcohol and drug abuse counselors.
- This type of assistance is sometimes included in other functions of licensed alcohol and drug abuse counselors including treatment planning, case management, client education, referrals, and consultations.
- The proposed legislation will not result in additional regulatory actions or investigations by the Board of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-3-1011, all health-related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. As of June 30, 2010, the Board had a balance of \$29,120.81.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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